9 October 1970

TRACK I

A. [redacted]

1. [redacted] arrived in Santiago and was briefed by the Station.

2. Propaganda placements were reported by [redacted]

3. [redacted] publication of six page daily paper sponsored by a group of "PDC Women Against Allende".

4. Santiago Station reports that PN political commission agreed at 7 October meeting to either support Allende or abstain.

5. Headquarters sent prop guidance to [redacted] Stations [redacted]

B. Accomplishments:

Journalists and other covert action assets sent [redacted] continue to arrive in Santiago for development of on-the-scene propaganda materials. New items, [redacted] are being exploited to increase the pressures on Frei. Over-all prop replay continues, but [redacted] note that interest is subsiding or other events are displacing it.

C. Situation:

The UP named its representatives to the constitutional guarantee drafting committee, and work on the amendment is expected to be complete within 3 to 4 days. Meanwhile, PDC President Prado continues his efforts to bring about a quick decision on the guarantee question and to prepare PDC members to accept the outcome. Privately, Frei is giving indications that he may not yet have completely given up hope of a military solution, and rumors abound about behind-the-scenes maneuvering and plotting by the military regarding a golpe. The Anaconda strike continues, there is some tightening of bank credit, imports pile up in the port warehouses, but nothing serious or critical is developing on the economic front.

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